

The Kedron Connection

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From Our Pastor

Advent (from the latin “coming”, as in the coming and coming again of Christ) is a season of watching and waiting, a season of preparing our hearts and lives for the transformation that Christ brings. I’m going to try a new spiritual practice this year, and I hope some of you will join me. United Methodist Communications has put out a list of advent words (you can make your own if you want)—it’s a type of grownup Advent calendar. Each day you take a picture of something that reminds you of the word for the day (if photography is not your thing, you can draw, paint, write, meditate, talk, dance or anything else you can think of). The fun thing about taking pictures that remind us of these particular words is that we get to do the project together (and follow people’s pictures on tumblr, pinterest, facebook, instagram and twitter). Here’s the list of words—starting with the first of December—and information about connecting via social media, email and text messaging.

1 go

2 bound

3 peace

4 time

5 flood

6 awake

7 ready

8 wisdom

9 delight

10 holy

11 steady

12 hope

13 justice

14 gather

15 rejoice

16 strong

17 free

18 mercy

19 patience

20 good news

21 prophet

22 sign

23 neighbors

24 joy

25 light

Visit <http://rethinkchurch.org/article/advent-photo-a-day> to connect via social media and to sign up for daily email reminders for the word phrase of the day [with a verse if you want something to reflect on throughout the day]. You can also text Advent to 75309 to receive daily reminders via text.

Whatever practices guide you this season, may you find peace in waiting and illumination in watching for the ways God is at work in our lives (even on Pinterest). ☺

Fellowship Supper

Our First Wednesday Covered-dish Fellowship Supper will be December 4. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for good fellowship and good food.

Men's Breakfast

The men have invited the entire congregation to join them for breakfast on Saturday, December 7. We will eat at 8:00 a.m. Thank you, Men, for inviting all of us.

Handwork Ministry

The Handwork Ministry has been meeting the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet. The group has decided to not meet again until April. The meeting place, date and time will be announced. Please plan to join us then if you knit, crochet or want to learn.

Choir Notes

We are practicing Christmas music. We would be very happy to have some more people join us; it's not too late. We will continue to meet at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. We will decide other practice times.

Bible Study

The Bible Study led by Rev. Travis Perry continues. The group is now meeting at the home of Lytle Hodge on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Rutherford County Laity

The Rutherford County Laity Fellowship will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 20 at Fellowship UMC in Murfreesboro. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22

Our worship service will include a special Christmas presentation. After the service, we will share snacks. You may bring your Christmas cards for our church family. A basket will be available if you want to contribute what you would have spent on postage.

Christmas Eve Service

As is our tradition, we will have a December 24 service with Lock's Memorial UMC. The service this year will be at Kedron at 5:00 p.m.

Bucket Offerings

In December the offerings placed in the buckets carried by the children at Sunday morning worship will be contributed to Kedron's Christmas outreach.

Food Bank

You may bring donations for the Smyrna/LaVergne Food Bank to the church the first and second Sundays of the month and they will be delivered to the Food Bank. The suggested item for December is spaghetti sauce. All non-perishable foods are accepted. The need is great.

Happy Birthday to:

Charles Sprinkle	December 3
Kristy Fraley	December 6
Martha Fraley	December 8
Marc Fraley	December 11
Linda Pagello	December 11
Danny Fraley	December 14
Jane Watts	December 24

Psalm 103:1-2 spoken by David was the quote in the November newsletter.

Outreach

In December Kedron will contribute to the Anonymous Kids program in Rutherford County. This Department of Human Services program helps foster children. We also will contribute to the 61st Avenue UMC Christmas help program. Also we will participate in the Angel Tree at Kroger to provide Christmas meals. As in the past we will have gifts for our shut-ins and something special for our children.

Who said this?

“She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

--NRSV (hint, Matthew)



Christmas gift suggestions:
To your enemy, forgiveness.
To an opponent, tolerance.
To a friend, your heart.
To a customer, service.
To all, charity.
To every child, a good example.
To yourself, respect.

— Oren Arnold



December Calendar

Sunday, December 1:

First Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

2:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 3:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, December 4:

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Supper

Saturday, December 7:

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 8:

Second Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 10:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, December 15:

Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Jan. newsletter info

Tuesday, December 17:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, December 22:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

After Worship Service

Snacks & Cards

Tuesday, 24:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
Service at Kedron

Sunday, December 29:

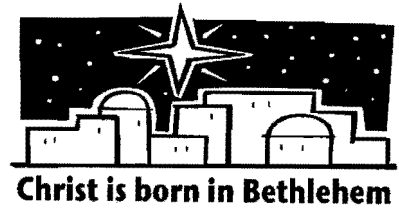
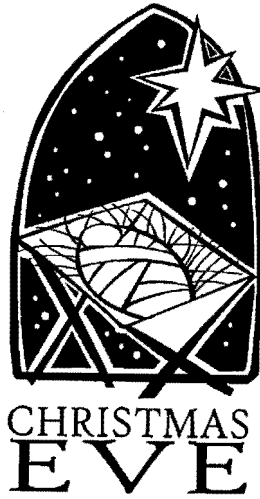
8:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Choir Practice

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, December 30:

10:00 a.m. Bible Study



Color by Number

Using the color code, color this art to reveal the message from Luke. 1=Red; 2=Green; 3=Blue

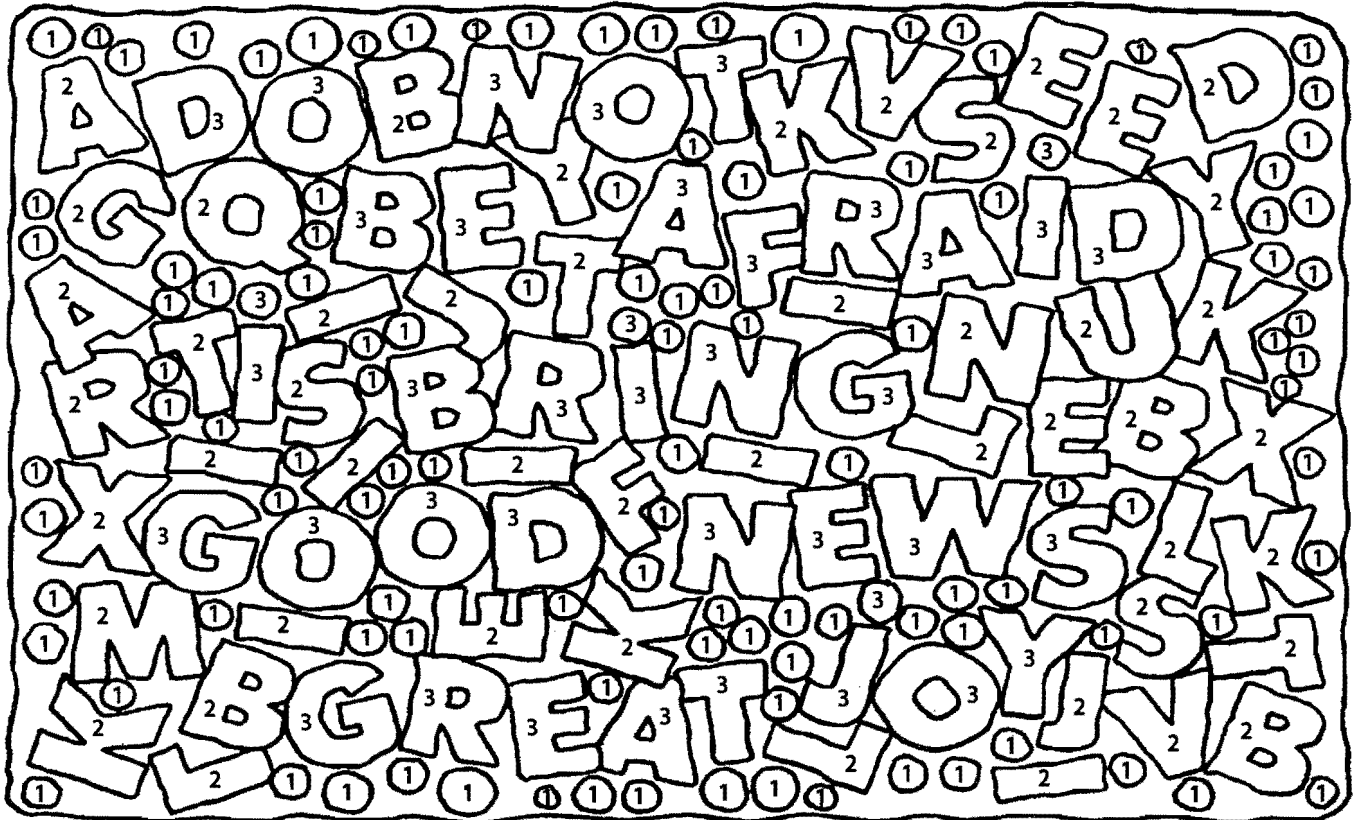


Table Grace

In this holy season
 join our hopes, dreams, and prayers
 for peace in our world
 with those of all humanity
 Bless us and this food we eat
 and strengthen us to serve others. Amen.